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**House Bill 5571 - An Act Concerning Certificate of Need Requirements,
Hospital Conversions And Medical Foundations**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following information regarding House Bill 5571.

Section 1 of this bill requires certificate of need authorization for the “termination of inpatient or outpatient reproductive services offered by a hospital or other facility or institution operated in the state.” The “hospital or other facility” language in this section does not align with the existing definition of “Health Care Facility” found in Sec. 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The bill’s language may require the regulation of service providers (e.g., abortion clinics) not currently under OHCA’s jurisdiction. Therefore, OHCA requests that the term “Health Care Facility” be substituted for “hospital or other facility.” In addition, “reproductive services” is not currently defined in OHCA statutes/regulations thereby making it unclear as to what “reproductive services” means.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department’s views on this bill.